



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Akiko NIIMI

Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 10/797,186

Examiner: M. CRENSHAW

Filed: March 11, 2004

Docket No.: 119077

For: PRINTING DEVICE, PRINTING SYSTEM AND PRINTING METHOD

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the November 20, 2006 Personal Interview, Applicant provides a separate record of the Personal Interview. Applicant also appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiners Crenshaw and Evanisko to Applicant's representative during the Personal Interview.

During the Personal Interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Koizumi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,631,985); claims 1 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Koizumi in view of Rodi (U.S. Patent No. 6,019,046); claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Koizumi in view of Rodi and further in view of Siegeritz (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0122208); and claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Koizumi in view of Rodi further in view of Thorpe (U.S. Patent No. 4,938,130).

As agreed during the Personal Interview, Koizumi and Rodi fail to disclose or suggest all the features as recited in independent claims 1, 10 and 12 because neither Koizumi nor


Rodi teach a platen having a supporting face and a screen plate fitting detachably onto said supporting face wherein the printing medium is sandwiched between the screen plate and the supporting face of said platen, as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claims 10 and 12. Furthermore, neither Koizumi nor Rodi disclose a printing apparatus combining both an ink-jet printing device and a screen printing device. Lastly, with respect to dependent claims 4-6, neither Koizumi nor Rodi teach the further limitations listed therein with respect to the screen plate.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and the September 12, 2006 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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